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1. SUMMARY: WITH WEO'S AND LA'S NOW SOLIDLY AGAINST FORMAL MEETING OF WDC COMITE APRIL 26, CHANCES SEEM GOOD THAT SOVIETS PLANS TO ELECT COMITE BUREAU AND ADOPT AGENDA WILL FALL THROUGH. SECRETARIAT SOURCE ESTIMATES THAT FIRM MAJORITY AMONG 31 COMITE MEMBERS FAVORS IMMEDIATE CONVERSION OF APRIL 26 MEETING INTO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. MAJOR UNKNOWN IS TACTICAL LINE SOVIETS WILL ADOPT IN LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING DIRECTOR UN DISARMAMENT DIVISION BJORNERSTEDT TOLD MISOFF APRIL 24 HE ESTIMATED AT LEAST 16 OF 31 DELS INVITED TO APRIL 26 MEETING OF WDC COMITE WOULD SUPPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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MOTION IMMEDIATELY TO ADJOURN MEETING. HE THOUGHT FOLLOWING DELS WOULD SUPPORT ADJOURNMENT : SIX WEO'S ( BELGIUM, CANADA, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND SWEDEN), FIVE LA'S ( ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, MEXICO), AT LEAST

TWO AFRICANS ( EGYPT, ZAMBIA) , AND AT LEAST THREE ASIANS  
( INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA).

3. BJORNERSTEDT SAID HE WROTE MEMO TO USYG SHEVCHENKO  
( KUTAKOV' S REPLACEMENT) APRIL 24 ADVISING THAT BECAUSE  
MOTION TO ADJOURN COMITE MEETING PROBABLY WOULD PASS BY  
COMFORTABLE MARGIN, COMITE SHOULD BE ADJOURNED BY MEANS  
OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT WHILE SYG' S REPRESENTATIVE IS IN  
CHAIR. BJORNERSTEDT NOTED THAT IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF  
MEMO WITH SHEVCHENKO APRIL 24, LATTER AGREED WITH BJORNER-  
STEDT' S ANALYSIS BUT STOPPED SHORT OF BUYING IDEA OF  
ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS.

4. BJORNERSTEDT FELT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS PROBABLY  
WOULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMITE ADJOURNED BUT DOUBTED  
ANYTHING DEFINITE COULD BE DECIDED APRIL 26 OR INDEED IN  
FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE SAID IT 95 PER CENT SURE PASTINEN  
WOULD CHAIR MEETING IN SYG' S BEHALF, AS PER GENEVA 1841.

5. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, WEO INVITEES MET TO DISCUSS  
TACTICS APRIL 24. WEO' S, INCLUDING SPAIN AND SWEDEN,  
AGREED TO WORK TOWARD BLOCKING COMITE' S TAKING SUBSTAN-  
TIVE DECISIONS, AND BELGIUM UNDERTOOK TO SEE PASTINEN  
PRIOR TO APRIL 26 MEETING ON BEHALF OF WEO' S TO URGE  
THAT PASTINEN ANNOUNCE CONSENSUS FOR IMMEDIATE ADJOURN-  
MENT AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. IF CONSTULTATIONS ARE  
HELD APRIL 26, WEO' S WILL ARGUE THAT NO FURTHER COMITE  
MEETINGS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR  
NEAR FUTURE. WEO' S AGREED TO REPLY INDIVIDUALLY TO  
SYG' S WRITTEN INVITATION TO COMITE MEETING; THEY WILL NOTE  
THEY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT APRIL 26 GATHERING BUT WILL  
NOT REFER TO WDC SPECIAL COMITE PER SE.

6. CANADIAN DEP PERM REP HEARN TOLD US APRIL 24 HE  
GENERALLY AGREED WITY BJORNERSTEDT' S VOTE COUNT, ALTHOUGH  
HEARN THOUGHT SEVERAL DELS, IN PARTICULAR EGYPT AND  
INDONESIA, COULD GO EITHER WAY DEPENDING UPON SOVIET  
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PRESSURE AND MOOD OF APRIL 26 MEETING. HE REPORTED THAT  
ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA NOW FAVORED CONVERTING  
APRIL 26 SESSION INTO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

7. HEARN ALSO REPORTED THAT UN LEGAL ADVISOR ATAVROPOULOS  
WAS UPSET ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS OVER IDEA OF IMMEDIATE  
ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT ELECTION OF WDC COMITE BUREAU. STAV-  
ROPOULOS CALLED BELGIAN PERM REP LONGERSTAEY APRIL 24  
TO ARGUE IMMEDIATE ADJOURNMENT WAS CONTRARY TO UN PRO-  
CEDURES AND WOULD SET BAD PRECEDENT.

8. ASIAN DELS INVITED TO COMITE MEETING - MINUS  
PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA, WHO INTENTIONALLY STAYED AWAY -

MET APRIL 23 TO DISCUSS TACTICS. WE UNDERSTAND INDIANS  
ARGUED THAT COMITE MEMBERS SHOULD HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTA-  
TIONS APRIL 25 AND THEN HAVE FORMAL MEETING AS SCHEDULED  
APRIL 26. INDONESIA AND JAPAN REPORTEDLY OPPOSED THIS IDEA.

9. COMMENT: LOBBYING BY WEO AND LA DELS PLUS CHINA  
( AND OUR OWN QUIET EFFORTS) SEEMS TO HAVE PRODUCED  
MOMENTUM AGAINST IDEA OF FORMAL MEETING AND FORMAL  
DECISIONS BY WDC COMITE APRIL 26. MAJOR UNKNOWN IN EQUATION  
IS TACTICAL LINE SOVIETS WILL PURSUE AT MEETING, BUT ON  
BALANCE WEO' S AND LA' S APPARENTLY HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF  
WINNING DAY.  
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